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Telethon '80 goes this weekend

By DOROTHY CLARK
Staff Writer

More than 40 performers will take part in the third annual Crippled Children's Telethon, produced by the radio and television (RTV) students of Niagara College.

About 50 RTV students are involved with this year's telethon, designed to raise funds for the Niagara Peninsula Crippled Children's Centre. This year's goal is $20,000.

Telethon '80 will be tomorrow and Sunday. The 24-hour event, beginning at 3 p.m., will be held in the cafeteria.

Expenses for the telethon, such as telephones and advertising, are paid for by local Rotary clubs.

Money raised will go toward hiring a full-time social worker, a speech therapist, purchase of bus lifts and, to help with operation costs at the Crippled Children's Centre on Glenridge Avenue in St. Catharines.

Production of the telethon began in September with a heavy schedule since Christmas. This year's producer is Sindy Lupul, a second year student, who took part in last year's telethon. Students working on the telethon are not exempt from regular classes. This means a lot of extra work and dedication for those involved.

The telethon will be opened by the Katzen Jammer Kids, an oom pah-pah band. Celebrities such as Diane Nyland, from The Trouble with Tracy, and her husband, Frank Proctor, Jack Duffy; Commander Tom, and Goldie the Wonder Horse, will attend.

Local talent, probably hoping to be discovered, will fill most of the air time, as the telethon is aired on cable television, channel 10 and channel 12.

Run in conjunction with the Rotary clubs of Welland, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Grimsby, the Port Colborne Lions Club, and this year's Easter Seals campaign, the telethon is helping to involve the whole community.

"What's really nice, is the way people pull together and work for a common cause," said Larry Taylor, RTV program co-ordinator, and student adviser. It's been "an awakening experience."

Presiding over Telethon '80 will be second year RTV students Lori Smith, Debbie Cartmer, Tom Mather and Lari Carter. Duties will be shared among them throughout the 24 hours.

Donations can be made to any branch of Canada Trust in the peninsula. There will also be a bin at the telethon where personal donations can be made. Donations are income tax deductible.

EVERYBODY HELPS

The dedicated staff from Niagara Frontier Caterers is donating their time to run the cafeteria between 3 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Saturday and 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Any money made by Niagara Frontier Caterers is being donated to the telethon. Other organizations such as the college's property and plant management department, and the custodians donate their manpower. Food and services are also donated by McDonald's, Mother's and Frank Vetere's.

Four sets are being constructed by first year RTV students.

About 10 students working three hours each night have been going "full power" since last Monday, said Domenic Ammendolia, who is in charge of set production.

Materials are being borrowed from the theatre arts department. Money has also been alloted from the RTV budget, but since the materials are re-usable no cash loss will occur.

Three cameras, manned by RTV students, will broadcast the telethon on local cable television. There will be six four-hour shifts.

Telethon '80 is designed for students and people in the community. So get involved, support a worthy cause — crippled children.

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Only 350 of 2,500 students vote, Broadcasting wins SAC election

Flashing victory smiles, the newly elected SAC members — all from the Broadcasting Party — are, from left to right: Thomas Mather, president; Lori Smith, executive vice-president; Alan Chonka, vice-president of internal affairs; Karen Collings, vice-president of external affairs; Lari Carter, vice-president of athletics; and John Morden, vice-president of finance. Absent is Robert Roest, club convener. (Photo by MacKay)

By MICHAEL ROBB
Staff Writer

Fewer than 15 per cent — 350 of 2,500 — of eligible Niagara College voters turned out last Tuesday to elect the broadcasting party which swept all seven Student Administrative Council (SAC) positions.

The party platform was on better communication with satellite campuses and effective promotion of activities.

Elected from the radio-television program are:
Thomas Mather, president, 208 votes;
Lori Smith, executive vice-president, 223;
John Morden, vice-president of finance, enlisted from business administration, 184;
Alan Chonka, vice-president of internal affairs, 164;
Karen Collings, vice-president of external affairs, 236;
Lari Carter, vice-president of athletics, 206; and club convener, Robert Roest, 178.

Voter turnout was much heavier at the Theatre Centre, where 33 students of 45 voted.

The theatre centre students were very responsive to the broadcasting party, Tom said.

"We wanted to vote for the people who had taken the time to come down and recognized that we are part of the campus," theatre arts student, Elizabeth

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EASL program expanding

By MICHAEL ROBB
Staff Writer

The English as a Second Language program at the Welland Vale campus (EASL) will be expanded into three separate classes, 15 per class, with five additional seats left open for late arrivals.

The classes will be held at the Niagara College Welland Vale campus beginning April 7.

Dennis Malone, chairman of English, said he expects a sharp rise in the number of people taking EASL, due to the federal government's relaxation of restrictions on who can qualify for the course.

Any adult having employment as a goal will be eligible. Previously, only the head of the household was eligible.

The proposals were made by officials from Employment and Immigration Canada, the Multi-Cultural Centre in St. Catharines and Niagara College in a meeting March 19 at the Canada Employment Centre.

Twenty people from the Multi-Cultural Centre will be enrolled in the April 7 classes, which will help to alleviate over-crowding at the centre.

Language courses at the Multi-Cultural Centre are four hours

See 'EASL' pg. 12

Six Iranians coming soon to Niagara from England

Six Iranian students will be coming to the Welland Vale campus of Niagara College on April 14 to attend English classes, Desmond McCurry, chairman of divisional services, said.

The students must first meet Canadian Immigration standards before they will be allowed entrance into the country, Mr. McCurry said.

Sponsored by private consultants, Dr. and Mrs. Sherk of Niagara-on-the-Lake, the students are flying here from England. The students are coming to Canada because they fear it would be hazardous for them to return to Iran now as a result of the political chaos there, Mr.McCurry said.

Come on people, let's save energy!

By JOHN SURGEONER
Staff Writer

Conservation of electrical energy is being ignored at Niagara College. A survey by First Edition found that about one-third of all unused classrooms have their lights left on, contrary to the request of Archie Jamieson, chairman on the college's energy conservation committee.

In two letters to the faculty, Mr. Jamieson requested the co-operation of the teaching staff in "minimizing the unnecessary use of electrical energy by switching off classroom lights at the end of a lecture when the room will not be used for the following period." Timetables were posted beside the light switches in each room to inform instructors as to when the lights should be turned off.

Electrial energy constitutes 50 per cent of the college's overall energy consumption.

Mr. Jamieson said sickness or rescheduling of classes leaves rooms empty although the timetable indicates they should be occupied. Instructors should write notices of cancellation when this occurs, he said.

This does not explain why so many empty rooms are fully lighted during the lunch periods.

"We need to get our thinking oriented toward saving electricity," Mr. Jamieson said. Switching off lights during the five-minute interval between classes would be impractical since this would result in increased overall energy costs.

The blame does not lie fully with the faculty, however. "We must draw attention to the students also," Mr. Jamieson said. Therefore, students should refrain from eating their lunch or forming small get-togethers in the classrooms.

"If we can get most of the faculty and most of the students, it's going to work," he said.

At the moment, the conservation committee is putting together a list of projects to help save energy. A letter of their ideas will be submitted to Jacqueline Robarts, college president, this week.

Positive Living elective brightens life of student

By ROSEMARY POWELL
Staff Writer

The Approach to Positive Living elective means what it says, for it has brightened the life of Maria DosSantos, a blind second-year general college student at Niagara College, who is having the course study book transcribed into braille.

James Nicholas, author of the course study book and instructor of the elective, teaches his students an awareness of their problems and, having found methods to solve the problems, they put the methods into action, she said.

Maria wrote to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) asking them to transcribe the course study book. The CNIB has agreed to her request but they informed her that it would take a long time for publication.

MARIA DOSSANTOS

"Life has its good and bad points, but through this course, I've learned how to solve my day-to-day problems," Maria said. "It has given me a much happier outlook towards life in general."

Such things as happiness, love, creativity and intelligence are taught in the class, Maria's favorites being happiness and love.

"The big problem for many people is to be able to recognize their problems before trying to find a solution," Maria said. "The methods Mr. Nicholas teaches give you a much more positive outlook on life."

Candidates offer appeals, better communications

Appealing higher tuition fees, promoting communication between satellites and main campus and the publishing of a Student Administrative Council (SAC) newsletter were suggested by candidates at the all-candidates meeting held March 20 in the Secord room.

Jeff Davidson, president of the business party, promised to look into the reasons for the 10 per cent tuition fee increases for next year.

Stressing his party as a communications party, **Thomas Mather, president of the broadcasting party**, said there were "ineffective communications between satellites and main campus."

A SAC newsletter to show where money is being spent and what SAC members are involved in would help keep people informed on SAC activities, **Lori Smith, executive vice-president of the broadcasting party**, said.

Independent candidate Linda Wong said she could make no promises, but said she would explore ways to promote higher turnouts for pub-nights.

Alan Chonka, vice-president for internal affairs for the broadcasting party, said pub nights have a "poor image." Alan suggested hiring top bands and distributing pub-night tickets through Sam the Record Man outlets.

Paul Berstling, business party vice-president for internal affairs, said the rowdy atmosphere of pub nights is largely attributed to outsiders and must change; better bouncers are needed. Paul said more satellite and ladies pub nights are needed.

Satellites have been neglected in the past and more money should be given to them, **Robert Roest**, broadcasting party club convener, said.

The broadcasting party broke ranks to enlist business student **John Morden** as their candidate for vice-president of finance.

The broadcasting and business party leaders responded to a question on what to do about student apathy. Thomas said better communications and promotion of events would help. While Jeff said the only thing SAC can do is promote events — "the rest is up to them (students)."

The speeches were attended by about 60 students and were broadcast on the college radio station, CRNC. A question and answer session followed the speeches.

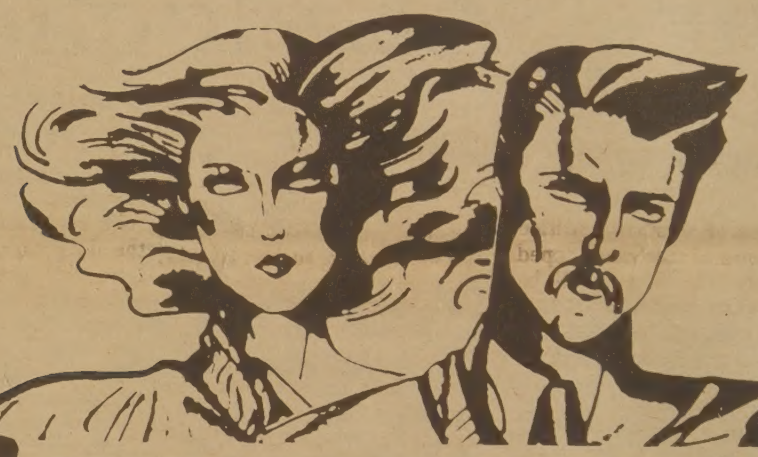
Councils back workshop

A weekend workshop, sponsored by the Canadian Labor Congress, will be held April 25 and 26 at Niagara College, Welland campus.

Done in co-operation with Niagara College and the Niagara Penninsula are labor councils ofDunnville, Fort Erie, Welland, Niagara Falls, Port Colborne and St. Catharines, the workshop will hold registration at 6 p.m., Friday, April 25. The fee is $12.

Courses on steward training, occupational health and safety, arbitration, unemployment insurance, Canada pension, and bargaining are offered.

A wine and cheese party in the college will follow the end of courses, Saturday, April 25.



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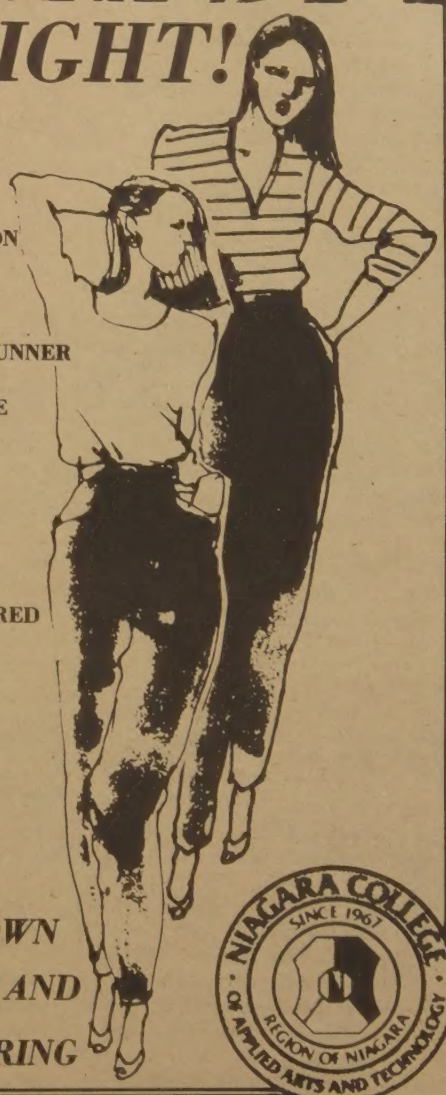

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NIGHT DINNER
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Everyone welcome to attend.
Reports will be held in the Hamilton Room
at 8:30 p.m.
Price $4.50 per person.

More to come?

Spring had officially arrived on its appointed date and everyone breathed a heavy sigh of relief, but Old Man Winter wasn't ready to give up that easily. The very next day the whole of the Niagara peninsula was again blanketed in heavy, wet, blowing snow that brought about hard driving and another miserable weekend. The long-range forecast for the coming weekend and next week are not too promising either. (Photo by Runka)

College applications increase 10 per cent

Applications for admission to Niagara College have increased by 10 per cent over last year, said Mary Petruzella, admissions officer for the college.

The number of applications received as of March 14, 1980, total 3,662, compared to 3,330 applications on the same date last year. The school of applied arts received the largest number of applications with 1,290; school of business, 1,185; health sciences, 776, and technology, 411.

Business recorded the largest increase over last year, however. There were 181 more applications this year than in 1979. Miss Petruzella credits much of this increase to the popularity of the January to June "crash" course which allows students to complete the first-year business course in six months.

"We had to turn away quite a few people last year," Miss Petruzella said.

Applications for the course have increased this year.

OVER 250

Over the past eight years, Niagara has averaged an annual increase of approximately 250 applications.

Since maximum first-year enrolment of the college is less than 2,000, many applicants will be refused admission. This may include Niagara students wishing to change their programs for next year.

Niagara College will carry four bilingual courses beginning in September. The courses are general business, tourism, bilingual secretary and le francais — instrument de travail. This is the first time the college has offered bilingual programs, and should result in a further increase in applications, Miss Petruzella said.

Volunteer seminars

A series of seminars entitled Volunteers and the Handicapped — A Two-Way Street will be presented tomorrow at the main campus by the ad hoc committee for volunteer education and the continuing education division, school of applied arts.

From 9 to 4:30 p.m. in the Hamilton Room, volunteers who enjoy working with handicapped individuals will participate in three workshops, listen to two speakers and view a film, all for a $5 fee, which includes lunch and coffee.

For further information call ext. 355: 735-2211 in Welland; 688-1380 or 384-9760 in St. Catharines or Niagara Falls, or 382-2383 in Ridgeway and Fort Erie.

70% have used

High stats show 'pot' on campus

By SHEELAGH CAYGILL
Staff Writer

Niagara College's pot smoking population may be hidden, but it's very much here.

A survey of 50 students showed that 70 per cent have smoked marijuana at some time in their life. Forty-six per cent have purchased the drug in the past year; 36 per cent said they have smoked marijuana on campus. Of the 35 students who said they had smoked marijuana, 17 said they smoke on a weekly basis, 13 on a monthly basis and a few students no longer use the drug.

A.S. Aboud, director of student services, said the drug situation on campus is "very negligible." Mr. Aboud said, "The drug situation at this level has declined."

Bruce Cunningham of the Addiction Research Foundation (ARF) said, "The highest use of marijuana occurs at the university and college level." Statistics available at the ARF indicate that of the 8.6 per cent of the population who smoke marijuana, 41 per cent are between the ages of 18 and 20.

Bruce Tallon, psychology instructor at Niagara College, said the main reason people smoke marijuana is to attain a "high." Mr. Tallon said, "It's a selfish activity, just like drinking, no matter how group-oriented." Mr. Tallon said that, at a social event, such as a party, most people don't want to say "no" when offered a joint, for fear of lack of acceptance.

One student included in the survey said, "Smoking marijuana makes me feel good. I find it easier to communicate with people."

Mr. Tallon said a person learns the effects of marijuana prior to exposure. He said, "Someone may see a friend having a good time, laughing and feeling relaxed after the use of marijuana, and then want to try the drug themselves."

Mr. Tallon said that although marijuana would benefit from legalization with respect to quality control, he does not favor legalization. He said, "If people want to smoke it, that's their concern." He said if the drug were legal, like alcohol, "you'd be faced with it everywhere you went."

Despite the fact that the use of marijuana is such a contoversial issue, little is known of the effects on health compared to alcohol and tobacco. A pamphlet published recently by the ARF details the effects of chronic use of the drug.

The pamphlet, "Cannabis; Adverse Effects on Health" was prepared in anticipation of the government's intention to introduce new legislation on marijuana.

The pamphlet, prepared by scientists of the ARF, states that the effects of smoking marijuana, including impaired memory of recent events, altered perception, particularly of time and distance, and a "high," are produced by one of the 400 chemicals found in the cannabis plant — delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).

Marijuana, consisting of the dried leaves of the plant, may contain up to five per cent of THC, hashish, made of the dried and pressed flowers and resin, up to 12 per cent.

The pamphlet states that chronic use of marijuana can lead to respiratory symptoms such as sore throats and bronchitis. ARF scientists have found pre-cancerous changes in samples of bronchial tissue from 20-year-old chronic smokers of hashish and tobacco.

These changes are not normally seen in tobacco smokers under 40 years of age. Cannabis produces 50 per cent more tar than the same weight of a popular strong tobacco brand.

The psychological effects of marijuana are ambiguous. The ARF said that a single dose of the drug can produce reactions from mild anxiety to paranoia, mostly in individuals under stress. Although the drug has not been proven addictive, Mr. Tallon said it can be psychologically addictive; a chronic user can develop a dependency on it.

Much contradictory literature has been written on the potential addictiveness of marijuana, and its chronic use leading to heavier drugs.

Most Niagara College students included in the survey — 66 per cent — do not believe that the use of marijuana leads to an addiction to heavier drugs, either psychologically or physically.

Curtain fall

A Midsummer Night's Dream is to be the last play of the Niagara College Theatre Centre season. Theatre students will perform the Shakespearean work April 21-26 at the Theatre Centre. It will run a full week with two performances per day, Monday to Friday, and one on Saturday.

Psychologist to lead workshop

Dr. Harvey A. Silver, counselling and organizational psychologist, will lead a workshop on senior management development in room ME 202 on May 13 and 14.

The registration fee is $175.

The workshop is designed to be of value to senior managers, chief administrators, personnel advisors and functional specialists who are interested in adapting more effectively to their professional lives.

Dr. Silver holds a PhD degree from the State University of New York, MA and BA degrees from the University of Toronto and has led 81 seminars and conferences, most of which were repeat performances.

Management seminar for women April 12

Elizabeth R. Murphy, president of E.R. Murphy and Associates, will conduct a day of management skills for up-and-coming businesswomen on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in room ME 202.

The registration fee is $50, and the application should be completed by April 7. Applications can be obtained through the continuing education division of the School of Business.

Applications will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis.

Ms. Murphy's company specializes in management development training program.

The seminar will include such topics as becoming part of the management team, solving problems and making decisions, communicating for effectiveness and moving ahead in the organization.

Ms. Murphy holds a master's degree in science from the University of Wisconsin.

The $50 fee includes instruction, course materials, luncheon and coffee.

$3 fines

Snow gone, spring here, more parking tickets, too

The arrival of spring will be accompanied by more parking tickets for Niagara College students, warns Ron Jeffery, by-laws enforcement officer at the college.

Students can't be penalized when snow covers the lines, Mr. Jeffery said, but once the snow is gone and the lines are visible, he will start writing tickets again. Each ticket carries a fine of $3.

The majority of offenders are "simply careless," Mr. Jeffery said, because they won't take the time to look where they are parking. There are others, however, who deliberately park across two spaces because they are afraid their cars might get scratched. This displays a lack of common courtesy, he said.

Mr. Jeffery had a warning for students who park on the new gravel lot. Posts down the middle of the lot are for cars to park between, not in front of. Up to now, Mr. Jeffery has only issued warnings, but he will begin to give tickets if students continue to break the rules.

"I've got lots of tickets," Mr. Jeffery said, "so watch those lines."

First Edition

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This introduces First Edition, the baptism of fire of first-year journalism students, their first opportunity to put their training into practice.

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Hear Only Wrongs

For a moment, put yourself in this situation: A husband and wife, in the early hours of the morning, are quarrelling. The children are crying, suitcases are being thrown through the windows and the neighbors are furious.

It is your job to restore calm to the household.

Most of us would shrink from such a task. But this situation is routine and is encountered by police almost every weekend.

However, instead of public commendation, the police forces — particularly in Toronto — have seen a gradual erosion of the public's confidence in the 70s.

True — it is not entirely unjustified, for there are abuses. Racism, brutality and corruption within the force are testament to this fact.

But let's not lose sight of the accomplishments and the tireless work our policemen and women do, for we tend to hear only about the wrongs committed by them. This only leads to having distorted impressions about the police.

We do not want police forces full of disillusioned men and women, asking themselves why they are doing this thankless job. They must know as they walk into that household brawl that not only do their families support them but so, too, does the community.

Oh, we have all sorts of derogatory names for our policemen and women, many of which are echoed in the halls of this college. But "To serve and protect" are not just hollow words — they mean what they say and we should appreciate it.

Michael Robb

College Superior

College or university, that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to strive for the prestigious university degree or the more practical college diploma.

Having attended a major American university for two years before coming to Niagara College, I can say unequivocally that college is far superior to university for practical training.

A graduate from university comes into the real world as naive as a child entering kindergarten. With a shock the graduate realizes that the profound and precious theories he learned in school are virtually useless. The fact that he knows the philosophies of all the famous existentialists, or can quote Dante has no bearing whatsoever on any job he might apply for, unless he teaches existentialism or the works of Dante to the next generation of students who want to hide from the world a little longer.

The high school atmosphere of college is a direct turn-around from the impersonal, "got to get those As" atmosphere of university. In college the instructors get to know the students personally, and private help is easier to get; some instructors even welcome the opportunity to help.

University tends to take away a student's personality. Professors are inaccessible, since they teach up to 1,000 students a day, and at least half that amount in smaller schools.

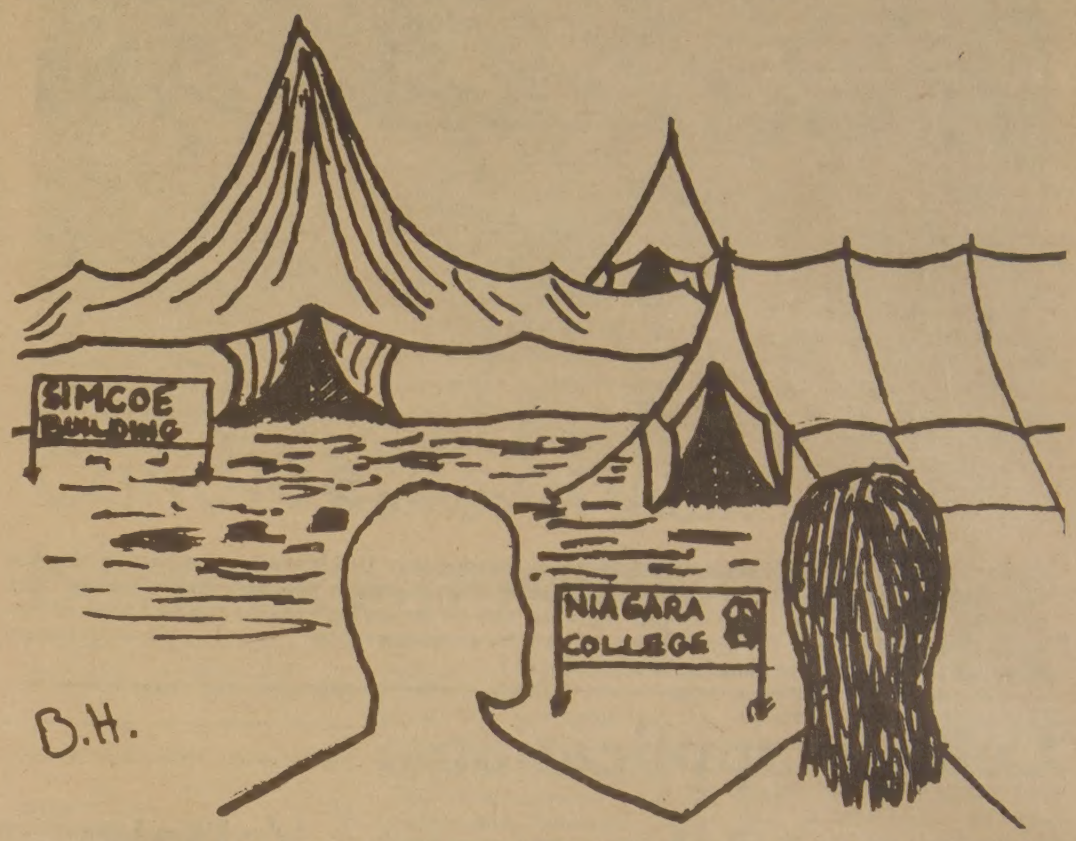
And who gets the jobs? The English major who wrote for the college paper, but received no journalism training, or the college student who was intensely trained for two years to become a journalist?

The only way to answer that question is to check the placement record of the program you're in.

The Journalism-Print program has a placement record of 100 per cent.

Enough said.

Mark Walters



". . . SOMETHING TO DO WITH BUDGET CUTS"

Bullpit

When April Fools Rush In. . .

By KAREN RUNKA
Staff Writer

ATTENTION: SCHOOL WILL BE CANCELLED FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK TO CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF SPRING.

Only one day a year is set aside when all people, even the most dignified, are given an excuse to play the fool. Whether it is intentional or just part of someone's everyday behavior, this day is just for them.

Ah yes, April Fool's Day, a day full of fun and frolic. A day on which practical jokes are played and friends are sent on fools' errands.

This special day, sometimes called All Fool's Day, is held April 1. Folklorists believe it began in France in 1564 with the adoption of the reformed calendar. A person who resisted changing New Year's Day from April 1 to Jan. 1 was victimized by pranksters on April 1 and became known as Poisson d'Avril or April fish.

Another interpretation of its origin is one quite similar to the changing of the calendar. An old custom of paying formal calls on April 1, one week after New Year's Day according to the Julian calendar, was made. When the old calendar was replaced by the Gregorian in 1562, mock calls were continued to be paid on April 1 as a joke.

Widespread observance of the day began in England in the 18th century. Now it is almost universally observed throughout Christendom.

The timing of All Fool's Day seems related to the sun's position when it is in the vernal equinox. Nature "fools" mankind with sudden weather changes from showers to sunshine.

Another myth associated with April Fool's Day is once a joke is played upon someone and it is after 12 noon, the prankster then becomes the fool.

In France, the fooled person is called a fish; in Scotland, he is called a cuckoo or gowk. Canadians and others call the fooled person simply a fool. In Mexico the day is celebrated on Dec.28.

On April Fool's Day, pranks are played on friends, parents and teachers alike. No one is saved from the "your shoelace is untied"routine, nor the "did you know your sweater is ripped?" The infamous trick of putting chalk in the blackboard erasers is a common prank pulled on teachers. Lest we forget, there's the old "salt in the coffee" trick pulled on parents every year.

For many of us April Fool's Day is a day we can identify with easily. It is a day set aside to let our better half shine through and not really care what other people think about our behavior. But thank goodness it does only come once a year.

Oh, by the way, school isn't really cancelled for the rest of the week. Ha! Ha! April Fool.

Letters to the Editor

Good Coverage

The Editor,

Once again, the Celebrate Canada Festval was a success, and much credit must be given to the many excellent articles published in the Niagara News.

Attendance at most events was good, and the high calibre of the reports in the Niagara News certainly contributed to making people aware of what the Festival is trying to do.

Many thanks for all your enthusiastic support, both in covering the events, and writing about them.

Gail Hilyer
Convener
Celebrate Canada Festival '80

Thanks, Brenda!

The Editor:

This letter is to express our thanks for the thorough sports coverage and publicity accorded the varsity curling teams this year.

Brenda Stokes' enthusiasm and new knowledge of the game made her stories both interesting and accurate reporting.

Thanks Brenda!

Yours very truly,

Sam Bahnuk, Jean Champagne, Sherry Gascon, Jeff Gibson, Don Kretz, Lisa McGrail, Bill Klingender, Susan Meloche, Keith Neve, Carol Sponarski, Lori Walters, Jim Woodhouse, Susan Mailer, Bob Young and rest of players.

P.S. Great pictures too!

In Appreciation

To All My Friends at Niagara College:

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" for the many get-well cards, flowers, fruit and potted plants. I am overwhelmed by expressions of love and concern from you all.

You will be pleased to know that I am making progress and hope to become an out-patient very soon. Even so, I doubt if I shall be back at the college before the end of this term.

To the students graduating this year, I wish you success in finding employment in your special area of training. I trust you will take with you some happy memories of the days at Niagara. I have no doubt that first year students are eagerly looking forward to the end of term and a well-earned rest from tests. assignments, projects and seminars. Have a great summer; we shall see you next fall.

Best wishes to everyone,
Sincerely,

Ralph Greenfield,
Psychology Instructor

IS A WORKSHOP

The Niagara News is the practical workshop of the Journalism-Print program at Niagara College. There is no suggestion that it will even attempt to cover any, every or all events connected with college and campus life.

Roving Reporter

By MICHAEL ROBB and BRAD HEATH

As the school year draws to an end many students are evaluting their programs. A number were asked by the Roving Reporter what they thought of the education they were receiving. The question was: Do you feel you are receiving a good education at Niagara College and is your program best suited to the profession you have chosen?

Julie Bartfai, first-year retail management: Yes, it is. In first year we talk to store managers in retailing which helps us get acquainted with the business. Second year gives you ex perience in the community.

Patricia Roddis, second-year tourism: Yes, I feel as though I am getting a good education and the course best suits my chosen profession.

Laura Price, first-year dental assistant: I'm going to be a dental assistant and I think it's a great course.

Sheelagh Caygill, first-year journalism: Yes, I feel I'm receiving an excellent education; my program is journalism. I hope to be a reporter when I graduate.

Jim Muileboom, third-year marketing management: Yes, I have lots of job opportunities. The course is really excellent. The faculty are great.

Mario DiGaetano, first-year business: I think the course is a good one, due to the fact that it is helping me to get a job in the business world.

William Price, first-year electrical technicians: It's a good program. I'm getting educated. There are lots of job opportunities.

Firlotte speaks in N.Y.

Old buildings should be restored and preserved, Paul Firlotte, co-ordinator of interior design, told students and faculty when he lectured earlier this month at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York.

Mr. Firlotte was invited by the chairman of the interior design program in New York, Stanley Barrows, to speak to third and fourth-year interior design students.

Mr. Firlotte's audio-visual presentation showed examples of architecture in Niagara-on-the-Lake, the first capital of Upper Canada.

Demonstrations of preservation by Peter Stokes and Mr. Firlotte showed the amount of research which had to be made to preserve the Creen House, 363 Simcoe St., originally built in 1815 and now designated as a historical building.

Better prospects for summer work in Niagara Falls

By SHEELAGH CAYGILL
Staff Writer

Students hoping to find summer employment in the Niagara region next month could find an end to their search if they consider working in Niagara Falls. A centre of activity in the summer time, the city employs more students than any other city in the peninsula.

Barbara Tiffney, an officer at student manpower on Queen Street, Niagara Falls, said that of the 2,939 students who registered in 1979, 1,411 found regular employment (jobs lasting more than five days) and 244 casual employment (employment duration less than five days) through the office.

In St. Catharines, Debbie Dutton, a student manpower officer on King Street, said of 5,000 students registered in 1979, 2,000 were placed in jobs. Mrs. Dutton and Mrs. Tiffney said many students who register find jobs through other sources. Because not all students confirm their employment at the student manpower office, the employment figures are inaccurate; the actual percentage of students employed is much higher.

Mrs. Dutton said the main employers in the area are service industries such as hotels, restaurants and farms. She said in St. Catharines there is a levelling out trend in employing students during the summer.

71% INCREASE

In Niagara Falls there has been a 71 per cent increase in the employment of students. Mrs Tiffney said, "The presence of Maple Leaf Village helped many students find employment last year."

In Welland, student manpower officer Nancy Marr said a total of 1,800 students registered last year. There were 810 job placements — 90 per cent were full-time. Mrs. Marr said student manpower urges students to apply to provincial programs. She said there was a financial supplement program last year from the government — an incentive to employers to hire students. Mrs. Marr said the office anticipates the same program this year.

Ken Anderson, placement officer at Niagara College, recommends all students fill out a University and College Application (UCPA). Mr. Anderson said Niagara College students have been successful in finding jobs with the Experience '80 program.

All student manpower offices hire post-secondary students returning to college or university in the fall. Known as graduate assistants, they provide interview training and help in preparing resumes.

He said, "Those who want work will find a job, although it may not be what they are looking for." He advises students to get out and look for a job and always follow up an application. Good luck!

OACETT gains recognition for technical engineering

By BRAD HEATH
Staff Writer

The Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) has made the engineering technicians and technologist's presence known in the industrial world.

Eugene Schlaak, a member of the Niagara chapter, told about 70 people — students, graduates and staff — during an information night held in the college cafeteria March 13, that OACETT is not a technical society such as the Institute of Electrical and Electronical Engineers (IEEE), nor a social club.

OACETT is an association with emphasis on association, of certified engineering technicians and technologists, Mr. Schlaak said. The association was incorporated in 1962 under the Companies Act and is a self-governing body. The association is operated by an elected council composed of delegates from 16 regions throughout Ontario; a president, two vice-presidents, the chairman of the certification board and a panel of examiners. OACETT is operated like a company but is a non-profit organization.

THREE GOALS

Mr. Schlaak outlined the three main goals of OACETT to the staff and students: first, "to advance the status and welfare of certified engineering technicians and technologists".

Second,"to increase the knowledge and proficiency of certified engineering technicians and technologists."

The final aim is "to bring together in an association the certified engineering technicians and technologists in the province of Ontario."

OACETT has improved the status of certified engineering technicians and technologists in two ways, — first, by informing employers "of the merits of hiring certified people." The effects of OACETT are noticeable today, Mr. Schlaak said. When he graduated, few people knew what a technologist was, but now the certified engineering technicians and technologists have gained recognition.

HIGH STANDARDS

Second, OACETT helped improve the status of certified technicians and technologists by setting high standards for entrants into OACETT. All would-be members must achieve these standards. A board of examiners and the certification board ensures this.

There are two categories of certification in the association, Mr. Schlaak said. An engineering technician requires two years of post secondary school education and an engineering technologist requires three years of post secondary school education. Both the engineering technician and technologist require two years of related job training.

Mr. Schlaak told the students after all their friends have drifted off to other jobs and areas they will have no way of comparing to see if their wages are as high. OACETT conducts an annual salary survey to inform members about salaries.

OACETT offers its members a variety of insurance plans including group lifeinsurance, auto, home, personal property, liability insurance, an equity fund and income protection. OACETT members can get $42,000 worth of coverage for an annual premium of $36 if the member is under the age of 31, Mr. Schlaak said. The plan stays with the member no matter who he works for, as long as he is a member of OACETT.

Members also receive a magazine, The Technologist. Full members wear OACETT rings and use the initials CET behind their name.

The most important part of OACETT is the association with others of a similar background, Mr. Schlaak said.

The information night was organized by the engineering technology students.

Light grid installed at theatre

The completion of a $9,000 lighting grid has left teachers and students of the theatre Centre relieved.

"We can now hang the lights in proper positions and it's safer," John Rapsey, theatre arts coordinator, said.

PLANS APPROVED

Plans for the grid were approved Feb. 28. The old system of pipes, with the lights hanging down from ropes, was dangerous as students had to walk along a thin board high above the stage to move the lights up and down.

LIGHTS SUSPENDED

The new grid about 16 feet above the stage is to be used to suspend the lights from. The grid will enable the centre to use the new lighting system, acquired at the beginning of the school year.

The new system will make its debut April 21 for the first of 11 planned performances of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Register for pottery class

A two-day workshop with the internationally-trained award-winning potter Christian Passuello is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, and Sunday, April 13, at the Welland Vale campus.

Deadline for applications is April 8. Applied Arts continuing education division urges early registration as the course is limited to 14 participants.

Students will be instructed in such topics as making plaster press moulds, slip-casting moulds, plaster turning with templates, two-and three-part moulds. Plaster will be provided.

The fee of $35 includes lunch and supplies. Instruction will be in Room 103 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Waits for summer

This gnarled old tree will soon awaken from its winter slumber to the cry of returning birds and gird itself in green for another summer season. (Photo by deLaplante)

Non-smokers not satisfied to remain the silent majority

By SUSAN MOORE
Staff Writer

In a country where personal freedoms are so important, should non-smokers' rights be infringed upon by smokers' rights?

Non-smokers are no longer a silent majority. They're speaking up because they mind if someone smokes. New research gives them ammunition to defend themselves and city bylaws can prohibit smoking in public places.

"Cigarette smoke can have harmful effects on non-smokers," a pamphlet published by the Canadian Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association said.

Researchers have said that two-thirds of the smoke from a burning cigarette goes into the environment.

After only 30 minutes in a smoke-filled room, the carbon monoxide level in a non-smoker's bloodstream increases as well as blood pressure and heartbeat, the pamphlet said.

Non-smokers have as much right to clean air as smokers have to their right to smoke. Public places such as restaurants, theatres, airplanes, trains and buses should be sectioned off to smoking and non-smoking areas for the convenience of both groups, the pamphlet suggested.

Non-smokers should speak up when a smoker lights up if they feel strongly about their belief, they should do this firmly but politely and they should not preach to the smoker, the pamphlet said.

Health hazards higher for those who smoke

By SUSAN MOORE
Staff Writer

Have you succeeded at quitting smoking as your New Year's resolution? Try it, you'll like it!

Every year 30,000 Canadians die from the effects of smoking. Many more live on with crippled lungs and over-strained hearts.

In a pamphlet prepared by the Canadian Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, studies have documented cigarette smoking as a major cause of: emphysema, heart disease, lung cancer and chronic bronchitis.

Lungs are exposed to infections. The pamphlet said that smokers are sick 88 million more days than nonsmokers. After periods of not smoking the lungs may start gaining strength and fighting off infections.

Lungs retain 85 to 99 per cent of all the compounds inhaled from cigarettes. Hundreds of chemical substances are contained in cigarettes. The most damaging are nicotine, tar and carbon monoxide. Nicotine constricts blood vessels, tars damage lung tissue and carbon monoxide forces oxygen out of red blood cells.

Smoking rates for women and men began dropping in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Studies show that women find it harder to quit than men. Women fear that they will giain weight if they quit. Gaining weight is not inevitable; in a national survey, one of four ex-smokers actually lost weight, the pamphlet said.

Smoking is dangerous for pregnant women because they have more stillbirths, spontaneous abortions and low-weight babies than non-smokers. Nutrition provided to the baby is lower and the babies tend to have a higher rate of gross retardation when the mother smokes, Dr.Michael Lovegrove, a Niagara College physician, said.

More than 30 million Americans have quit smoking. Among adults, only one in three smoke, the pamphlet said. Non-smokers are the majority and more people are joining them. Quitting is an advantage, not a deprivation. First, you have to want to quit and then you will find a way.

Dr. Lovegrove said that he has recommended a gum that contains nicotine to patients who want to quit smoking. The gum, which was tested in Sweden, has a 69 per cent success rate in cutting down cigarette smoking.

A smoker for 30 years, Austin Jelbert, co-ordinator of the journalism program, quite smoking six months ago. Mr. Jelbert, 52, ended his three-pack-a-day habit with help from acupuncture. He said he quit because his health problems were probably related to his smoking. Mr. Jelbert said he feels better. He said he sometimes gets a "fleeting" urge to smoke but resists.

Long-time smokers often have a hard time stopping. They must remember that a smoker's risk of dying before his time is 70 per cent higher than a non-smoker's. It is the number one cause of lung cancer and 30,000 Canadians die from the effects of smoking every year. You might know one of them.

Ministry of education helps full-time students

Interest-free loans up to $1,000 will be given by the Ontario Student Venture program to full-time students willing to set up their own summer business, the Ontario ministry of education said in a news release.

The program, started in 1974, has given students 18 years and older a chance to acquire practical business experience and an opportunity to finance their education from profits made during the summer.

Student Venture Capital, part of the Ontario Youth Secretariat's Experience '80 program, is sponsored by the ministry of education and the ministry of colleges and universities in co-operation with various chambers of commerce in Ontario and the Royal Bank of Canada.

The news release said a student whose business proposal is accepted by a participating chamber of commerce must agree to follow standard business procedures, provide regular financial reports and repay the loan by Oct. 1, 1980. Chamber members will be available to provide helpful suggestions for the student.

START SOON

The latest chambers of commerce can provide official assistance is the end of May so the sooner a student gets going on a project, the better, said Glenn Paton, a member of the St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce.

If government financing is not available in time for the student starting a business venture, the Royal Bank of Canada provides an interest-free temporary loan covering the students needs until the program's loan has been made, the news release said. Banking and financial advice will be available from a financial liason officer.

The 16-week program has 246 positions available and a student can start as early as April 1. In 1979, 140 summer projects were approved and students were given loans ranging from $200 to $1,000.

Only one local student was involved in the program last year. A student of Western University in London rented some land and made a profit growing peaches, Mr. Paton said.

Mr. Paton said most projects are labor-intensive. Since the purpose of the program is to earn money, solely humanitarian projects will not be accepted.

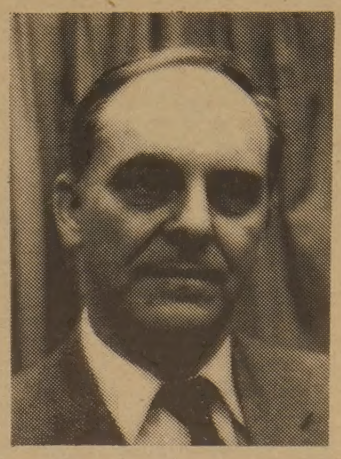
Applications are available now and may be obtained by contacting:

The Program Manager,
Student Venture Capital,
Ministry of Education/Ministry of Colleges and Universities,
Special Projects Branch,
14th Floor, Mohawk Block,
Queen's Park,
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1L2

telephone: (416) 965-6911
or by writing Mr. Paton at Hayes-Dana Incorporated, Post Office box 3029, St. Catharines, Ontario, L2R 7K9.

Labor studies chairman was once railway worker

BY JAMIE DICKINSON
Staff Writer



Being stranded in Newfoundland with only $2, after having food poisoning is one of the experiences encountered by Eric Robinson, now Niagara's chairman of labor and labor management studies, when he was a laborer-worker for Frontier College.

Dr. Robinson was involved with Frontier College for 21 years. The college's programs involve teaching and working with uneducated adults in remote areas of Canada.

William Tetly, former minister of industry in Quebec provincial government, approached Dr. Robinson in 1949 about the college. Dr. Robinson, who was leaving after a McGill football practice, was interested and he wrote away for information. That summer he was sent to northern Ontario to work as a laborer-teacher.

Dr. Robinson worked on a railroad gang for 75 cents an hour, 10 hours a day, six days a week. Frontier College's motto is "hard work and low pay," and every day after work he began his teaching. Some crews were largely composed of immigrants whom he taught to read and write English. English-speaking workers were not interested in this, so Dr. Robinson organized sports for them to play on Sundays.

NO POLITICS

Discussions were held but, politics was avoided because of possible violence. The railroad workers had strong political opinions; he was there to educate the workers, not to create trouble, he said.

In 1949, Newfoundland joined Confederation and Dr. Robinson was the first instructor sent there; he arrived in the summer of 1950. Again he worked on the railways and said it was harder work than on the railways in northern Ontario.

"In Newfoundland I learned to love Newfoundlanders." He taught geography; he said for many it was the first time they had seen a map of Canada.

"Look how small the mainlanders made Newfoundland on the map," said the foreman of the railroad crew. The local people would would walk for miles to the camp to view movies Dr. Robinson showed, or to take part in his classes.

A railroad strike developed and Dr. Robinson was offered a job as a high-school teacher in Montreal. But, because of the strike he had no money to get to Montreal in time.

DESPERATE MEANS

Desperate, he tried in St. John's to stow away aboard the SS Kent, but, he was chased away by a pipe-carrying watchman. He tried again, but knocked over his shaving lotion while climbing into a lifeboat. The watchman heard the noise and Dr. Robinson escaped down the gangplank.

He had been weakened before this adventure because of food poisoning. Dr.Robinson had eaten some bad eggs and was at home alone for three days with no one knowing he was there.

"I thought I was going to die."

Dr. Robinson received union permission to cross the picket line to approach the railroad authorities for a loan to get off the island. He was given money for a plane ticket, but his flight was cancelled because of bad weather.The next flight was one week later. Eventually, he did make it in time for his teaching job in Montreal.

In 1953 he returned to Frontier College as supervisor of instructors. The college president died later that year, and Dr. Robinson became president also. His responsibilities included recruiting staff, raising money, finding jobs for staff, and developing college programs.

BACK TO NORTH

To save money, Dr. Robinson slept in the back of a panel truck while on tour of programs in northern Ontario. He received word from Toronto concerning an instructor who was fired in Capreol, about 20 miles east of Sudbury.

The instructor had been fired for "disrupting work on the gang with his adult education classes." Dr. Robinson, who was in Sudbury, drove to Capreol and found the instructor. Together they approached the foreman, and Dr. Robinson told the foreman he had been sent by Toronto. The foreman was impressed and the subforeman joked , "What kept you so long?" The instructor got his job back.

Dr. Robinson left Frontier College in 1971 and came to Niagara College in 1974. He has degrees from the University of Calgary and McGill University.

Teachers ask for new system

Submissions to the Council of Regents by Niagara College teachers John Pierce and Gordon Chen ask for more autonomy within the individual schools and that the evaluation of a college's performance be made by industries, alumni and students, not the Council of Regents.

The chain of decision-making is so long that it is inhibiting the growth of the colleges, Mr. Pierce said.

Many decisions being made by the Council of Regents should be made by standing committees from the colleges, thus resulting in more contributions from students and staff, Mr. Pierce said.

If the individual colleges are going to grow, the Boards of Governors are going to have to have more freedom. If you could get a list of the things that the Board of Governors want to do but can't do, you would find a lot of things, Mr. Pierce said.

The schools are maturing now, and the Council of Regents sitting in Toronto might not know enough about one particular area to make the most intelligent decision, Mr. Pierce said.

"My basic motivation is I would like to see Niagara College grow," Mr. Pierce said. "I would like to see a new library for the horticulture department."

"I'm going to suggest the Council of Regents look at all the 22 colleges and duplicate courses. If we're churning out more students than are needed, why not condense the programs into a smaller number of schools and improve the quality of education?" Mr. Pierce said.

Mr. Chen said some colleges have a marketing diploma on easy credits while some may have higher standards. The public should know about inequalities between schools.

Public accountability should be based on performance audits, or the level of education the students receive, Mr. Chen said.

The quality of education is being bypassed in assessing a college's performance, he said.

New club crest

"Where everyone is your friend," is the bottom line of the new crest for the Frenchship Club. The winning logo was designed by Susan Conway, 21, a second year human relations student. Susan's design was chosen from six entries submitted to the club last October.

(Photo by Diane Claveau)

Single parent workshop to be held next month

A workshop on Single Parenting in the '80s will be held Saturday, April 12, at the Welland campus of Niagara College. Deadline for registration is April 8.

Topics to be discussed include: how to cope financially and emotionally as a single parent; stress and relaxation; living with chronic illness; and legal aspects of being a single parent.

The workshop will be followed by a dance in the evening. The fee for the workshop, lunch and dance is $10 for members of Parents Without Partners and $12 for non-members. Those not planning to attend the dance will pay $7, or $8 for non-members.

The workshop is co-sponsored by the Niagara district Parents Without Partners.

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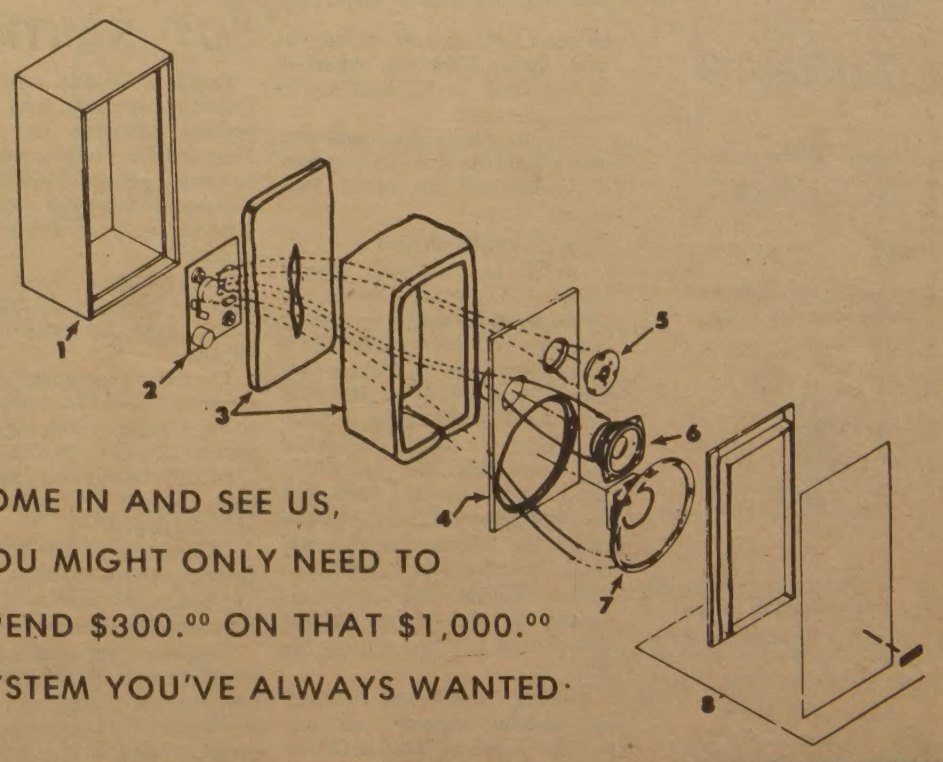

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Seeks provincial approval for new trade programs

By DIANE CLAVEAU
Staff Writer

Niagara College is seeking provincial approval for a series of apprenticeship programs from the ministry of colleges and universities, Dr. Nora McCardell, director of special projects, said.

Auto mechanics, millwright, machine shop and chef and cook 1 and 2 are some of the courses included in the apprenticeship training package under development at Niagara's Welland Vale campus.

The apprenticeship courses will be "government-approved, regulated and non-regulated trade apprenticeship programs," Dr. McCardell said.

W. H. Cornett, dean of the resource centre for skill dvelopment at Welland Vale, is working with two committees on the development of the apprenticeship training package which is the main project of the resource centre, Dr. McCardell said.

There are more than 200 apprenticeship trades available, she said, and Mr. Cornett is trying to pick the programs which are suited to, and most needed by, the Niagara peninsula and surrounding area.

These programs are different from retraining programs, she said. They are another option to post secondary education for highly technical skilled jobs. To get into the programs, a student must have a Grade 12 equivalent as set by the Ontario government, but some trades, such as plumbers, have a lower expected grade standard to qualify.

STEPLADDER APPROACH

In a highly skilled program there are three steps required to become a professional, Dr. McCardell said. Similar to the medical profession where the student must go through internship and residency to become a doctor, the student in the new program will go through the steps of apprentice and journeyman to become a craftsman.

"Craftsmen are recognized by the provincial government," she said; "they can buy their own business and hire others."

The stepladder approach is used for students involved in programs such as electronics or technology, she said. The student must finish secondary school, a post secondary program and, if more training is wanted, it is available in the apprenticeship course.

The linkage program is one of the forms apprenticeship can take.

"It is another form of post high school education," Dr. McCardell said. Mr. Cornett is working with the directors of education in vocational high schools trying to "plug into vocational high schools to link their programs with our more advanced ones."

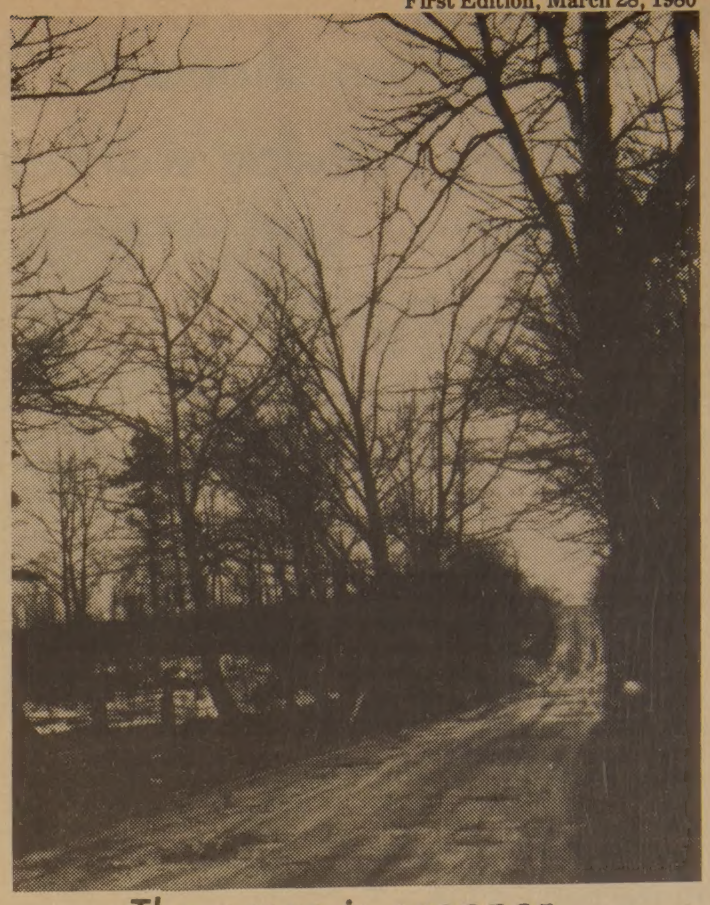
To become a skilled worker in certain trades, the student needs to go through apprenticeships. Dr. McCardell said the student training in these apprenticeship programs, through the linkage program, will get a certain number of weeks of educational experience and a certain number of weeks of on-the-job training.

Students in these highly skilled programs at the vocational high school level can work up a background in the chosen course and if they are "intrigued" with the work, they can fit into the developing program, Dr. McCardell said.

The linkage program has been approved by the ministry and has been implemented inother parts of the province.

Industry in the Niagara peninsula will work together with the educational centre to train a skilled worker, she said. Some of the trades suited to the area are: chef and cook 1 and 2 which would be useful to tourism, and the heavy machinery course which would be beneficial to the car industry and to industries such as Atlas Steel.

"Canada is suffering from a severe shortage of skilled workers," Dr. McCardell said. She said she hopes that with the provincial and federal government's concern with jobs in the future, more students will go through the linkage program or into the apprenticeship courses straight from high school.



The grass is greener

Spring seems to be alive as the early morning sun shines above the roadside in Decew Falls off of Merrittville highway when the first day of spring finally became official. (Photo by MacKay)

It's income tax time again, student deductions possible

By IRENE YURCICH
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again when you're either smiling or frowning. How big your smile is depends on the amount of your tax return.

Before April 30, everyone should file an income tax return even those who didn't earn enough to pay income tax. Paying into income tax entitles you to receive that amount back; also you can use it to average your income when you graduate and are making the "big money." A final reason for filing would be that you can transfer your education deduction to someone who might be claiming you as a dependent.

If you are considering transferring the education deduction to someone else, you must remember to sign the back of the form you received from the college.

The penalty for a late return is five per cent charge of the unpaid balance and interest on top of that, Janet Robinson, manager of the H & R Block office in Welland. said.

If you don't file and are entitled to a return, you may lose it if you don't file within four years.

THAT'S TEMPORARY

Income tax has been around since 1917 when the Conservative government brought it in to finance the war effort, but it was supposed to be a temporary measure, according to the book, Taxation in Canada, by J. Harvey Perry. At first it was called the Income War Tax Act and it lasted until Dec. 31, 1948, but the legislation was redrafted and called the Income Tax Act and came into effect Jan. 1, 1949.

The Income Tax Act was similar to the United States statutes on taxation during the war.

Although taxes and taxation are usually regarded as unpleasant subjects, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. said, "Taxes are the price we pay for civilization."

In 1930 only three provinces imposed taxes on personal income. Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and British Columbia. In 1932 Saskatchewan and Alberta imposed the tax.

After the war, deductions were proposed to help the individual and encourage people to open businesses and other ventures to help the economy get back on its feet.

According to the Fraser Institute, an independent Canadian economic and social research and educational organization, 36 cents of every dollar goes to the government in one form or another. It says the average Canadian worker works Monday and most of Tuesday for the government.

Taxes reduce the power of the individual and organizations and place it in the hands of the government. Canadians through taxation are paying for the "product" called government.

Taxes are beneficial to a country only if they are benefitting the general well-being of the society of that country, but when the taxes get to be a heavy burden, they should be reviewed by the government and moderated accordingly.

Students who are filing an income tax return should be aware of the decutions they are entitled to. If uncertain, they can find pamphlets in the resource centre and also in the counselling department. There are also many financial institutions which are specifically designed to help people with their tax returns.

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Language bursary for summer study

Applications will soon be released for students who wish to become proficient in French. They are for students who want to study French during the summer or for those who would like to take a year of their course in French.

The programs offered are the summer language bursary and fellowships for studying in French.

The summer language bursary program allows the student to go to a Colleges d'enseignement general et professionnel (CEGEP) college or university for six weeks with room, board and tuition paid.

"All you pay for is the transportation there and back," Nicole Vigeant, administrator of French language services, said.

The French fellowship permits the student to enter a full-time post-secondary program offered in French at any French language or bilingual institution.

Students must be instructed in French in at least four credit courses. The fellowship is $1,000 and additional $1,000 if they must move more than 50 kilometres to attend the school.

Bursaries are only available to students whose first language is either French or English.

For a fellowship students must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants whose permanent residence is in Ontario. They cannot have received a fellowship before.

This year about 2,000 bursaries and 500 fellowships will be made available to Ontario students.

Interested students should see Madame Vigeant, of the French department, or Mary Ellen Patterson in the student awards office.

The application deadline for the French fellowship is May 15. The deadline for the bursaries will be three weeks after the applications are received.

Docudrama production seeks $

Theatre students are hoping to finance a tour of a docudrama they produced earlier this year.

The docudrama, entitled Imagine, was produced Feb. 13-15 at the Theatre Centre. The story, based on the 1980s, describes the concepts of population, pollution, computers and nuclear war.

The students applied for a grant from the ministry of the environment to enable them to take Imagine and two other productions across Ontario this summer.

They are waiting for the answer which is expected in mid-April.

Ten students, calling themselves the Niagara Environment Activist Theatre (NEAT), put

They supervised all phases of Imagine from the writing of the script to the production. All the students involved in the docudrama are in second year and are in the children's theatre class.

"It was well received," Beverly David, Theatre Centre secretary, said. "Some people left the theatre in tears."

The other productions, a puppet show and an adult review, are still on the drawing board but should be finished in April.

NEAT is planning to take the show to schools in May and June and to theatres and parks in July and August.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Restored buildings heritage's reflection

By LAURIE ELLIS
Staff Writer

Reviving the past can turn old buildings into profitable restaurant businesses, Niagara Hotel and Restaurant students learned from one such successful restaurant owner.

Student members of the Canadian Food Service Executive Association (CFSEA) and guests gathered in the Rainbow Centre dining room on March 11 to ask if such an appeal as a heritage atmosphere is popular or just fad.

"A heritage ring is important," Ron Ciancone, owner of two theme restaurants, said. "Americans travel distances to such places for their heritage feelings. Canadians have only taken notice of the idea in the last five to 10 years."

Mr. Ciancone, owner of the Old Mill Restaurant, Ancaster, and The Spectator in downtown Hamilton said: "It is something unique, a new approach to business." The Old Mill, originally built in 1792, was so successful that its business was three times what had been projected.

NOT EASY

Restoring old buildings is not an easy task, Mr. Ciancone said. "The red tape is unbelievable." It took eight years after the Old Mill was bought in 1971 before it opened for business.

Community involvement is an important aspect when developing theme restaurants from landmarks, Mr. Ciancone said. Community opinions and ideas, along with those of professional consultants, go into the subject. Mr. Ciancone engaged help from Toronto and local historical societies in reconstructing the Old Mill. The Spectator was completed with the assistance of the Hamilton Spectator staff.

Restoration can be expensive, Mr. Ciancone said. Construction of four-foot thick walls conforming to fire regulations and sanitary food service areas were problems he faced. The Spectator restoration was easier as it was done from a basic shell. Mr. Ciancone said one must be careful not to destroy heritage buildings and many have not remained intact when converted. The four floor grist mill is still in operation supplying baked goods to the restaurant. Daily tours are given and the mill has not lost any of its old time charm. The theme of the mill is carried throughout the operation. Surrounding buildings were built in harmony with the original stone buildings.

DID NOT DIE

For 56 years the Hamilton Spectator stood in downtown Hamilton as a sign of tradition and respect. Tradition did not die though when the paper moved its offices to a modern building. This ingenius businessman converted the old building into a thriving restaurant and entertainment complex. Lounges appropriately named the Editor's Room, Publisher's Room and Typeroom offer diners meals such as steak, ribs and seafood. On the second floor where the presses printed the daily paper, music, lights and an 84-foot zig-zag bar form a disco called the Press

Enlisting the aid of the Spectator staff, Mr. Ciancone carried the theme of newspaper business from top to bottom. Old newspapers, famous headlines and equipment of earlier days form memoribilia of the power of the press. A museum of newspaper history is to open soon.

Although Mr. Ciancone has no immediate plans for another restaurant, it is easy to get overly involved in such projects," he said.

Supports telethon

A wine and cheese party for this year's Crippled Children's Telethon introduced local newspapers and radio stations to the event.

The informal gathering on March 20, allowed those closely involved with the telethon to meet and discuss its progress.

Jacqueline Robarts, president of the college, gave a short speech giving her support. Proud and pleased, Miss Robarts said, "I'm amazed at the level of energy, enthusiasm and hard work" the students are showing.

Sindy Lupul, producer of Telethon '80, gave a brief outline of this year's format. Introducing the guests and giving thanks to those involved, Sindy was especially thankful to Larry Taylor, RTV program coordinator and student adviser on the telethon. He gave "all the support we need."

Wines were provided by Chateau Gai and Inniskillin House Wines Inc. Niagara Frontier Caterers supplied the hors-d'oeuvres.

More advantage in making clothes

Pull out those sewing machines , girls! The advantages of making your own clothes are many. Basic patterns available on the market can be tailored to your own figure by making a few small adjustments.

First year fashion arts student Cathie Potter said,"There are many advantages to sewing for yourself." For Cathie, an expert sewer, it's often easier to make something than to search the stores for endless hours only to return home empty handed.

Fashion is derived from Europe, but it is not important to follow a designer's idea if it does not suit you, or you do not feel comfortable in the latest trend. Despite that, Cathie said," "Fashion projects society and one's personality."

Store-bought merchandise can cost up to three times more than clothing made at home. The manufacturing, shipping and labor expenses inflate prices considerably.

Annette Rocks, second year fashion arts student, said the price war between competitive retail stores has forced prices down but not by a significant amount. "You don't pay labor costs when making your own clothes."

Cathie said it's a lot cheaper making your own clothes. "I made a pair of pants for $10 that would sell in a store for at least $50."

Cathie's predictions for the 1980's fall and winter fashions are shorter skirts and varied jacket lengths in black and greys, brightly colored sweaters and more use of suede and leather fabrics.

Six TA students hurt in accidents

By ALISON BAILEY
Staff Writer

In the dark loft of the Theatre Centre, Nora waits. She preys on students in the gloomy dusk by haunting their imaginations and inducing their fears.

She is the one who creates the scary noises in the night. Some blame her for the continuous flushing of the toilet in the men's lavatory. She moves objects and creates the voices of children.

Nora is a ghost, or she is the product of students' theatrical imaginations. She is being blamed for the rash of accidents to students at the centre.

STRANGE DISEASE

About this time last year there was an outbreak of a strange disease at the Theatre Centre. The disease was thought to be mononucleosis because many students became weak and easily tired. The year before they thought there was an outbreak of fleas.

"Weird things always seem to be happening around the March break," said John Rapsey, co-ordinator of the theatre program.

More recently six first-year students may have been struck by her wrath. **Selena LaForce** ripped a cartilage and tore a ligament in her knee while walking home on March 6.

The next night, while dancing, **Beverly Kreller** fell and sprained her ankle. On Monday, March 10, **Frazer Bolye**, hearing the Sex Pistols on the radio, ran down the stairs to turn it up. He fell down the stairs and broke his ankle.

It would seem Nora was doing her work well. Three days later **Debrann Barr** became the next victim. In exercise class Debrann fell down and dislocated her shoulder.

On March 17, **Steven Ward**, being chased by a "madman," ran out the door and fell down the stairs. Doctor's diagnosis? A sprained ankle.

On March 18 **Jon Price** became the next victim. While washing the dishes "something" fell on his foot. He went to school with a fractured bone.

Some students believe this is Nora's doing. Others just think it's "bizarre."

IEEE, tourism social a success

About 200 students attended the social sponsored by The Institute of Electrical and Electronical Engineers(IEEE) members and tourism students in the college cafeteria.

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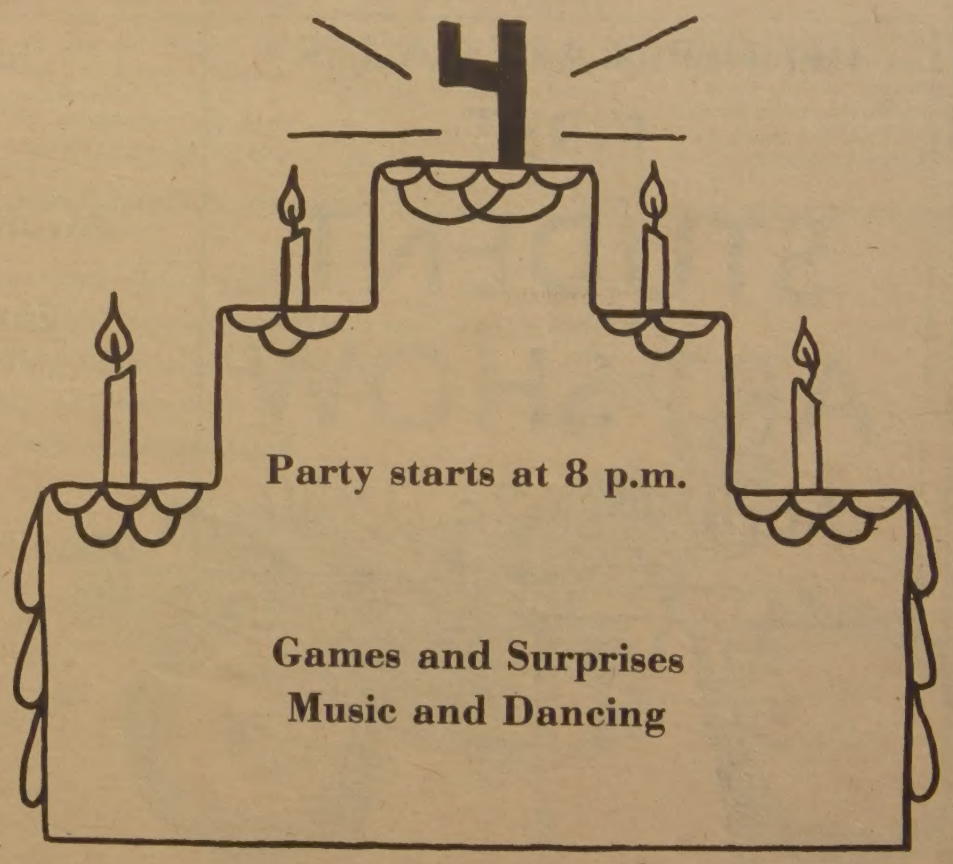

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First woman grad from engineering

By TAMELA CRAIG
Staff Writer

If you are looking for this mechanical engineering student, you might try the metallurgy lab — or the Ladies' Room.

Ann Dingwall is the first female graduate of the Mechanical engineering technology program.

Being the only female in an all-male program sounds like a script written for Mae West. The reality is not all glamour, but Ann has had no special problems.

"There are the usual personality differences — the same differences you could find between girls."

Her instructors have been helpful.

"If you're reasonable, they'll be reasonable."

The program outline is peppered with long technical words, and course descriptions are a layman's nightmare. Yet Ann is still in the race with the finishing line in sight.

"Mechanics of materials is my heaviest engineering course, yet it's very interesting," she said.

She has been able to gain practical experience by working for General Motors for the past two summers. The first summer she worked on the line and last summer she was in the engineering office.

MORE SOON

Although there are no other women in the mechanical engineering program, Ann expressed hope that there soon will be. Both she and the program's co-ordinators are trying to sell the program to females.

"There's a misunderstanding about the program," Ann said. "They think they'll come out mechanics fixing cars."

Ann suggested high school counsellors place too much emphasis on a university education. She chose college because: "I wanted a practical job when I came out."

Despite the usual school headaches, she never considered quitting.

"I was extremely stubborn," she commented on her choice of career.

The program has lived up to her expectations.

"I learned quite a bit considering how little knowledge I had going in."

TO HEAD WEST

She plans to work in Ontario for a few years before heading west.

Ann never depended on outside encouragement to see her through these past three years.

"I made the decision on my own," she said. She alone deserves the credit for her determination and effort.

That determination has paid off. She already has job offers from Stelco and CanEng.

As the first female graduate of the program, Ann Dingwall is a unique individual. But she considers herself no different from anyone else who knew what he wanted and went after it.

She is probably wondering what all the fuss is about.

Students plan grad formal

Two Niagara College students are trying to organize a graduation formal for the school of business and have booked the Black Sea Hall in St. Catharines for May 10 in anticipation of a positive response from fellow business students.

John Champagne, third year marketing, and Bill Klingender, third year industrial management, said tickets will be sold for one week only starting April 1. They can be purchased at the Merritt building, room 122a.

The two students said they expect the tickets to go fast because only 200 will be sold, one ticket per person. This year the school of business has 247 potential graduates and most ticket buyers will want to bring someone.

The tickets will be sold on a "first-come-first-served" basis, they said.

Robert Gray, left, a mnemonics expert, and Mike Mandel, a mentallist, performed in the cafeteria March 25 in an attempt by SAC to get voters out for Election Day. (Photo by Heath)

Conduct bus survey

To determine student needs

The student services branch of Niagara College is conducting a survey to see how many students would be interested in daily bus transportation for next September.

The bus service will include the following centres: Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Thorold, Fort Erie, Crystal Beach, Port Colborne, Grimsby, Beamsville and Vineland.

There will be one stop in Thorold, but only if a sufficient number of students show an interest.

Previous surveys have indicated a lack of interest for transportation from the Grimsby, Beamsville and Vineland areas, so transportation will only be provided if enough interest is shown.

The fee will be $105 per term beginning Sept. 2 and ending Dec. 17.

This fee is non-refundable unless the service is not provided due to lack of student interest.

Anyone interested may contact the student services office at 735-2211, ext. 279.

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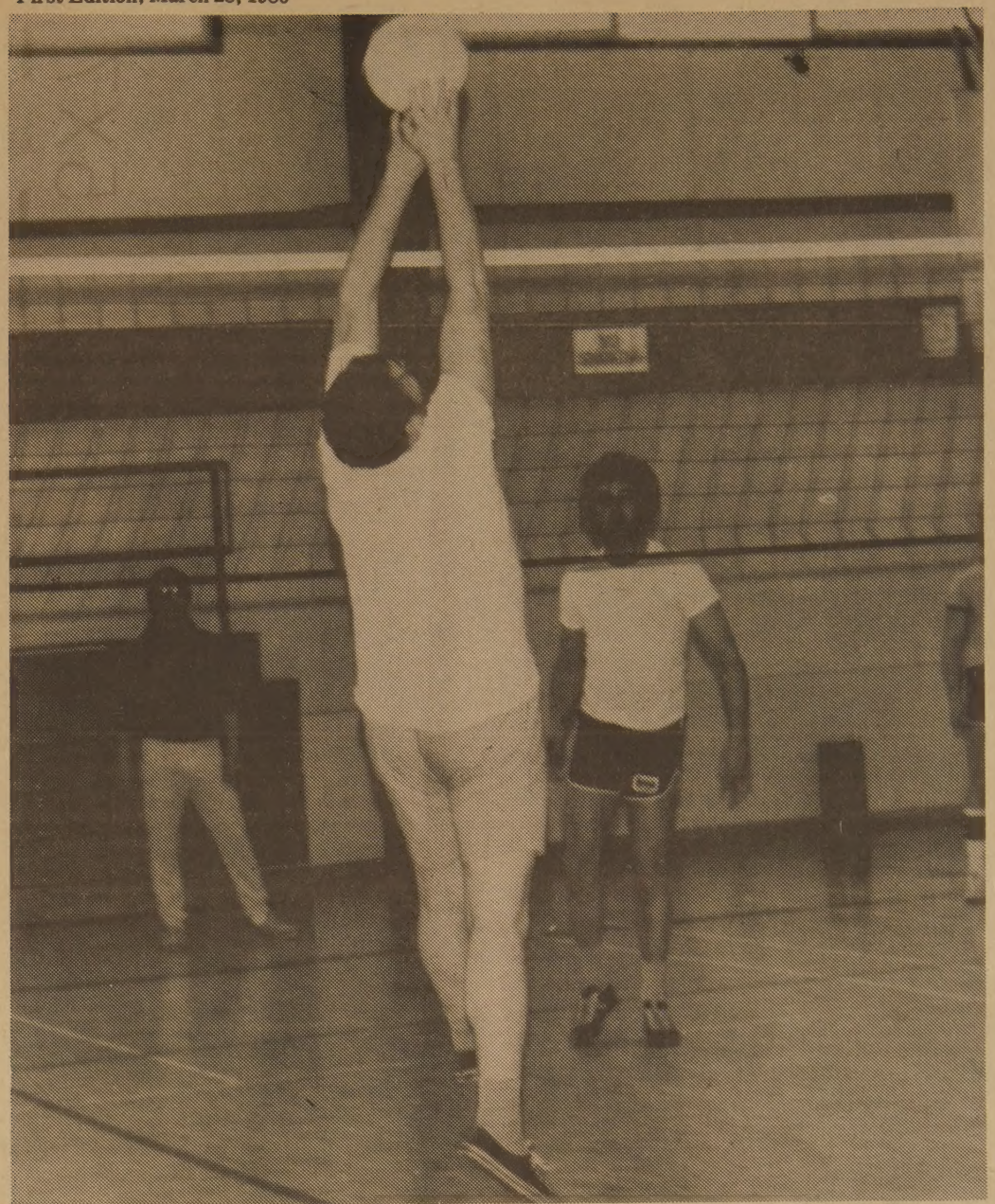

It's a long way up and a long way down!

Sports banquet set for April 9

The annual athletic banquet will be held on April 9 in the college cafeteria at 6 p.m.

Peter Rylander, athletic co-ordinator, said awards to be given will include large and small athletic letters, an athlete of distinction plaque, athlete of the year, freshman athlete of the year, inter-mural championship awards and inter-collegiate athletic pins.

Athletic letters are given for accumulating a designated number of points from participating in inter-collegiate sports, Mr. Rylander said. Points for the athletic letters, from 0 to 25, are given by the coaches according to the athlete's ability.

To win a large athletic letter an athlete must accumulate 40 points in two years and, to win a small athletic letter, an athlete must accumulate 15 points in two years.

athletes accumulating 50 points receive an athlete of distinction plaque. Most athletes need three years to win this award, Mr. Rylander said.

Awards are presented to the male and female athletes of the year and to the male and female freshman athletes of the year. The recipients of these awards are chosen by Mr. Rylander, Fred Bassi, athletic assistant, and the team coaches.

Athletes who participated in inter-collegiate athletics receive a Niagara College pin.

Inter-mural championship teams are awarded trophies and the individual athletes are given medallions.

The athletic banquet is co-sponsored by the college administration and the student council. The college administration sponsors 40 per cent of the banquet and the student council sponsors 60 per cent of it.

Staff stars lose grip in basketball series

It's been a bad year for the staff basketball team.

"It's not fair; we get older every year and they stay the same," Peter Rylander, co-ordinator of the athletic department and a member of the staff team, said.

The staff team has done well in the intramural basketball competition in the past, placing second last year and first the year before. This year they placed fifth and were eliminated from the playoffs on March 20 by the Brontos who beat them 33-29.

Each year students at Niagara College gather a group of friends together and form their own basketball teams to compete against the staff team. This year, 10 student teams were formed.

The 30-minute games are played on half court.

The Brontos, who are mostly law enforcement students, came third this year and will face the Knights, business students, who finished the schedule in second position.

The first place finishers were the Renegades, all from business. In the semi-finals March 25, they met and defeated the radio and television Rats, fourth in the series, 31-6.

"We fought until the bitter end," Mr. Rylander said.

This year's staff team included Pete Rylander, Brian Green, Fred Bassi, Jerry Salfi, Ken Eller, Ray Sarkis and Nick Ciolfi.

Sports Safety

Work and play in safety. The Canadian Safety Council says it is every bit as important to consider safety in sports as in the work place. Ill-fitting equipment is as dangerous as no equipment at all.

Women shy from weights

By MARA ILIC
Staff Writer

In today's liberated society, weight lifting is no longer regarded as a male-dominated sport, but female students at Niagara College are reluctant to use the facilities in the Mackenzie Building for fear of male criticism.

One female student said, "I'd like to use the equipment but the guys make you feel like idiots. They make jokes about the fact you're female."

Asked if female students in the weight room bothered him, one male said, "Girls shouldn't be in the weight room, they're too weak to lift anything."

A popular misconception women have about weight lifting is developing unwanted muscles. "Why would a girl want to work out anyways?Who wants big muscles like a guy?" said one female student.

Depending on the extent to which weights are lifted the sport can be used for toning the muscles and weight reduction without turning a woman into a "Mr. Universe."

Fred Bassi, of Niagara College's athletics department, has a conditioning program using the weights designed specially for women and has a number of classes where both male and female students participate in the weight room.

"I haven't noticed any problems between males and females,"Mr. Bassi said. "Weight lifting isn't for competition here. It should be a personal thing. You lift whatever you're comfortable with and forget about showing off."

Athletic department face college budget cutbacks

The athletic department will lose about $1,000 due to budget cutbacks for the coming school year.

The department receives money from the college administration through budget allocations and from the Student Administration Council (SAC), Peter Rylander, athletics co-ordinator, said.

The money from SAC is not affected by the budget cutbacks.

The department will lose about $500 for buying new equipment, and about $500 for renting facilities outside the college, Mr. Rylander said. The budget cutback prevents the athletic department from hiring a full-time woman instructor.

The department will have about $2,000 for purchasing new equipment.

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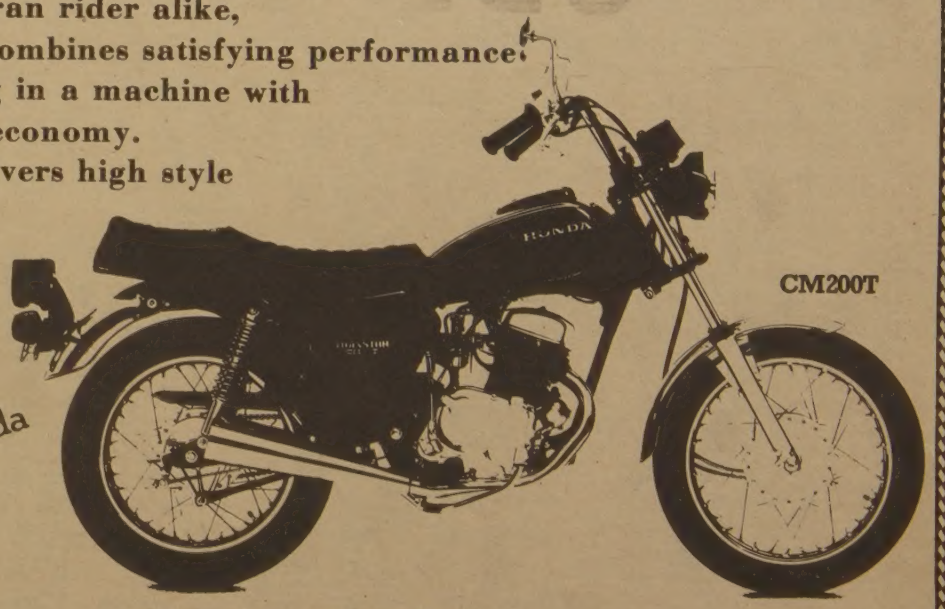

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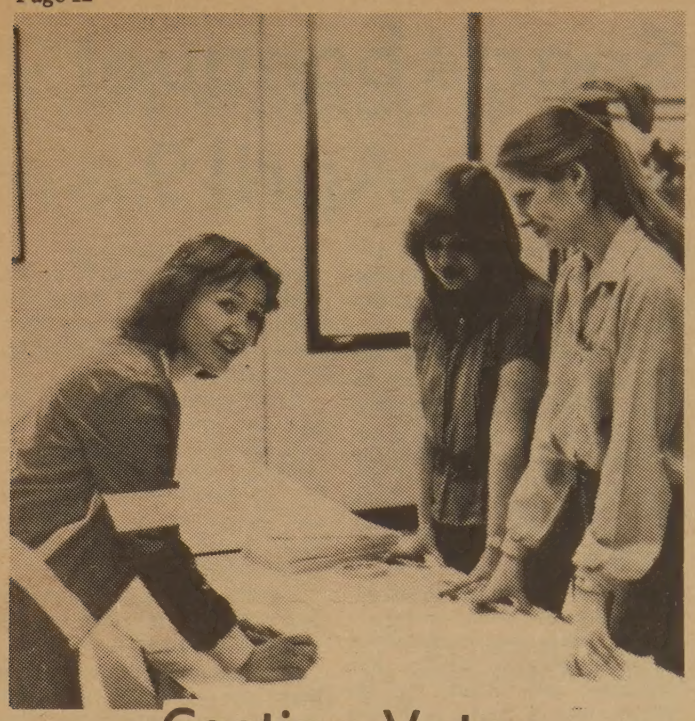

Casting Votes

First year radio and television student Paula McNulty, left, votes as SAC secretary Nancy Twerdohlib, centre, and Joanne Wilcox, SAC club convener, watch. (Photo by Heath)

Labor studies program expands with unions' help

By KENNETH HARE
Staff Writer

An increase of 50 to 80 students in the past year has prompted Niagara College to expand the labor and labor management studies program, said program chairman Eric Robinson.

Dr. Robinson said the reason for the larger enrolment is the serious attention labor unions are giving the course in labor studies.

"Unions are trusting us more," he said. "They no longer think of us as a tool of management."

This is important since labor unions pay the tuition for 90 per cent of the students in the labor union course, he said.

The two main courses in the program will be advanced to better accommodate the needs of workers in the community. They will be expanded, making them more available to the laborer who is on shift work or working weekends, Dr. Robinson said.

STRESS THE PRACTICAL

He said contract talks between union and management rarely come to an agreement without a dispute. The courses were put into one program in an effort to improve union and management relations.

In the past, the course in labor union studies attended to the needs of the strong industrial unions, Dr. Robinson said, "but we are now trying to reach the public service unions such as the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and the postal workers union."

Dr. Robinson said the formation of a labor studies course and a labor management course into one program at Niagara College in 1968 was the first of its kind in Canada. The joining of the two courses is an oddity since they have traditionally been in opposition.

Students in each course do not come together in a classroom situation, but both try to illustrate the opposing points of view as objectively as possible, Dr. Robinson said.

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At the beginning of the 1979 fall term, courses in labor relations were introduced as electives at Niagara College as part of the program's expansion, Dr. Robinson said.

He pointed out the importance of union education in post-secondary institutions because "people have little knowledge of unions in our educational system." This is because Canada was built on the traditional ideals of the entrepreneurial system, he said.

Thanks SAC

By KAREN RUNKA
Staff Writer

Thanks and appreciation were accorded to the Student Administrative Council (SAC) during the final meeting of the president's student advisory committee, held March 27 in the staff dining room.

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, opened the meeting by congratulating SAC for the fine work they contributed to the college and for their eagerness to resolve school problems. Their efforts were greatly appreciated, she said.

Also discussed at the meeting was the reduction of vandalism to the library and rest rooms on campus. Jim Walters, SAC president, credited the reduction to A. S. Aboud, director of student services, and Jack Spittle, manager of plant and property, who "patrolled the area looking like CIA men."

Miss Robarts said that between $2,000 and $3,000 is being spent two or three times a year to refurnish destroyed property.

The Welland Vale campus rest rooms were refurnished recently and she hopes the repairs will be appreciated and respected by the students.

SATELLITES UNHAPPY

Another topic discussed was dissension between the main Welland campus and the satellite campuses in Niagara Falls and St. Catharines.

Ideas ranging from "divorcing" the horticulture, nursing and hotel management schools from the main campus, to trying to create a strong bond of fraternity among all of the campuses were discussed.

Another idea was to form a large council from all the campuses and have a monthly meeting to inform each other about student activities.

The physical location of the satellites is the main factor in creating a barrier, Miss Robarts said. Student apathy seems to be related to the distance between campuses.

Student suggestions were taken at the meeting where one council member discussed the possibility of constructing a walkway from the east side of Hennepin Hall leading to the Voyageur building. The suggestion will be considered.

Majority of students favor residence

By RANDY HANNAH
Staff Writer

Students say a residence would benefit students from out of town, but making any formal plans is easier said than done.

An investigation by First Edition showed 144 of 160 students surveyed favored a student residence for Niagara College. Although most of them favored a residence, the question of where the money to build one would come from was not as easily answered.

Most of the 144 students who answered yes felt a residence would increase college spirit and make it easier for the students who have to look for apartments each year.

Many students said the government should subsidize the project and residence fees should be used to pay the city back over a long period of time.

NOT CHARITY

One student said, "I wouldn't like to see it built as a charity institute. Students have to pay living expenses off or on campus and these expenses should be relatively comparable. After all, the government is not a solution; if we want this, we have to pay for it."

Admission office statistics showed an increase of 128 applications from students outside the area between 1978 and 1979. Statistics for this year were not available.

A. S. Aboud, director of student services, said the college was built originally to accommodate students from the area; however, because some programs here are not offered at other colleges, students have to come to Welland.

A survey was also made of 10 Niagara College instructors and seven were in favor of a residence for the college.

One instructor said, "Yes, I would very much like to see a student residence, but the financing problems are extremely complex and virtually insurmountable."

Students surveyed thought the businessmen of the community should take an active interest in a residence because the businessmen would be future employers and should be interested in the "educational value of a residence."

Leapin' lizards

Many Niagara College students went to see the movie Animal House but Port Colborne resident Dusan Kubias lives in a reptile house which few people get to see.

His father, Jerry Kubias, has a life-long interest in reptiles and has built up a collection over the years. Since 1973, the family of three has lived in rural Port Colborne, and the reptiles have their own section of the house.

The collection includes one alligator, eight crocodiles, a 17-foot python, an anaconda, two king cobras, two tree boas, two boa constrictors and "a whole mess of rattlesnakes." All of the snakes are caged and some of the crocodiles are, too. A few of the lucky ones, as well as the alligator, get to live in a pool designed to resemble the tropics.

Dusan describes his mother as being "apathetic" about his father's hobby. The collection was built up by Mr. Kubias who traded with other collectors. Several specimens were caught during travels in the United States.

Dusan, a 16-year-old Lockview Park student, has been all over Europe and Central America. No specimens were brought back from these travels because it would have been "too much hassle."

Field mice are bought from local children and fed to the reptiles. The mice are thrown on the cages of the crocodiles who bite and pull them through. The snakes are only fed once a week.

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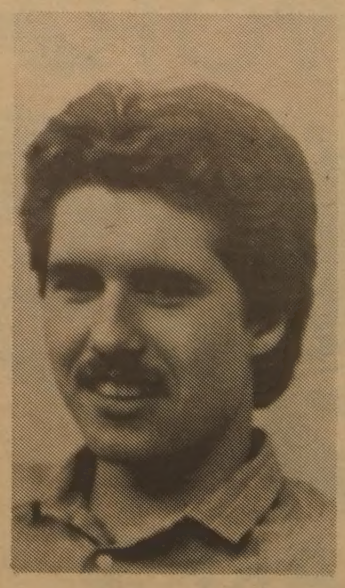
Christmas, said.

Both parties travelled to the satellites to speak to the students, although the business party did not go to the theatre centre.

No votes were cast at the horticultural centre or at the hotel and restaurant centre, according to official results. The Mack centre cast 62 votes of about 200 students.

Polls opened at 8:30 a.m. at the main campus and closed at 3:45 p.m. Main campus cast 255 votes. Voting was held on March 25 at the hotel and restaurant centre, horticultural centre and the theatre centre. Advanced polls were held at Mack on March 24.

The business party were:
Jeff Davidson, president, 125 votes;
Dean Feucht, executive vice-president, 108;
Valerie Nieuwsteeg, vice-president of finance, 145;
Paul Berstling, vice-president of internal affairs, 115;



Allan Hiemstra, vice-president of external affairs, 93;
Daniel Girotti, vice-president of athletics, 128; and club convener, Wendy Chemowski, 151. All are business students.

Linda Wong, independent candidate running for vice-president of internal affairs, received 52 votes.

Dean Feucht, said poor support for his party might be because most business students have few classes on Tuesdays.

"I think they should change the polling stations to the front of the library," Jeff said.

But Jim Walters, this year's SAC president, said, "The reason we had the polls over in the cafeteria was because it is a central area."

This year, in the hopes of attracting more voters, Michael Mandell, a hypnotist, was hired by SAC to perform in the cafeteria, attracting 400 people.

The new SAC members were congratulated by Jim Walters and this year's council at 4:30 p.m. March 25 in the SAC office.

"Officially, the new council takes over April 1; they'll work and train with us (the present council) for the month of April," Jim said.

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per day, four days a week and are funded by the Secretary of State.

The EASL program is six hours per day, five days per week and is funded by the federal government on a per seat per day basis. Employment and Immigration Canada has established a waiting list and when 15 people have been signed up, additional classes will be established.

Mr. Malone said the courses will be "a much more immediate response to the community's needs."

Sixteen students taking the 24-week EASL program in Niagara Falls, which began Jan. 14, will not be moved until the course is finished on June 30.

"We felt it was better not to disrupt the students," Mr. Malone said. Niagara College had planned to move the Manpower-sponsored program to the Welland Vale Centre as of April 1.